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## LIE PASSED BY DELEGATES

### Haskell and Baker, Followed by Paper Weights and Ink Stands.

Guthrie, Okla., Feb. 16.—The lie was passed between Delegates Baker and Haskell and a personal encounter between the two members enlivened the proceedings of the constitutional convention this morning.

In a debate over the adoption of the railroad committee's report Baker accused Mr. Haskell of being a railroad representative.

"You are a contemptible liar," shouted Haskell.

"You are a liar, too," retorted Baker.

At this point Haskell picked up a heavy paper weight and hurled it at Baker, who dodged and replied with an ink stand.

Instantly there was an uproar on the floor and in the galleries and it was necessary for the sergeant at arms and assistants to interfere and restore order.—Times-Democrat.

It looks like Baker was trying to fix Haskell (with ink) so he would have to ride in a Jim Crow car. If the ink was good he could not pass the third degree. See!

## SENT THE ATTORNEY TO JAIL.

### Judge Resorts to Physical Violence in His Court.

Tulsa, I. T., Feb. 18.—H. B. Talley, a lawyer and prominent Republican politician, was sentenced today by Judge Lawrence to twenty days in jail and fined \$100 for contempt of court. Talley threw a chair at L. M. Poe, an opposing attorney. Talley charged that there was a conspiracy between two banks and other prominent citizens in trying to defraud the Creek nation. L. M. Poe called him a liar. At this Talley threw the chair. Officers will take Talley to the Muskogee jail this afternoon.

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Haskell, the rough, gives an exhibition on the floor of the constitutional convention of some of the qualities the Democrats and ally white Republicans of Muskogee admire by calling Delegate Baker of Wewoka a "dirty, contemptible, stinking liar."

Mr. Lilly White, ain't you proud of your professed statesman? Ain't you glad you went in to the Democratic convention at the Hinton theatre and nominated Haskell and Hopkins?

Don't you feel proud of the fact that you cut the throat of the Republican party for such a specimen of humanity? Every measly, dough faced Republican who voted for such a ticket ought to cut out Haskell's elegant remarks and paste them in his hat and go home and tell his wife how proud he is to be an associate of such characters.

You said you wanted some one to represent Muskogee and the balance of the state are now asking

if this man is a specimen of our people.

Just think of your Hinton house man throwing an ink bottle at the head of a brother delegate with force enough to kill him being a good representative of our people. Ain't you ashamed you sold out your party? If you ain't, you ought to be.

If some poor colored man had been guilty of such a thing you would have joined a mob—yes, a Tillman mob—and lynched him, and yet you say you are proud of such a man.

Well, you can be if you want to, but God pity your idea of what a decent, reputable man should be.

## RESOLUTION FOR THE BEALL CASE RECORDS

Washington, Feb. 19.—The senate adopted a resolution today asking for the papers in the case of William O. Beall, ex-secretary of the Dawes Commission. It was offered by Senator Patterson of Colorado. William D. Foulke, who heard the Beall case last fall, submitted his report to the interior department in December. Beall recently resigned his government service to engage in the newspaper business in Muskogee.

The Phoenix must have been trying to shield its master when it said Foulke's report was turned down—kicked out—and him sent home with his back-side kicked. You can't always rely on the Phoenix, you know.

## St. Louis Negro's Advice to His Race.

St. Louis, Mo., January 5.—Knowing the trials and tribulations of my people, the negroes, which have caused them to labor under so many disadvantages continuously ever since their advent into this country, I feel it my duty to say something by way of advice which I think will be very helpful to them in the future, and at the same time be of some value to the public. In order to show to the world who the negroes are, it is best to apply the rules of the painter, and that is to paint them first; white, then red, and so on, until all of the different colors have been applied, then some of them would have a most beautiful color. I am sure, while others would be black, and some would be less so.

What I mean by that is simply this: Let the world know what the good, true and law-abiding negroes are doing, and what the worthless and lawless ones are doing, also. In order to do this successfully, it will be necessary to give some statistics which will show what the better class has done in the last forty years, which demonstrates the fact that some of the negroes of today are as far ahead and above the negroes of fifty years ago as the east is from the west or silk above cotton. The following will show how a few of them stand in the commercial world, as well as the business and financial

world:

There are 9,204,531 negroes in the United States. These negroes own 75,000 farms in the south. There are 21,000 negro carpenters, 20,000 barbers, 18,000 doctors, 16,000 preachers, 15,000 brick masons, 12,000 dressmakers, 10,000 engineers and firemen, 5,000 shoemakers, 4,000 musicians, 2,000 actors and showmen, 1,000 lawyers. They own 31 banks, 21 in the south and 10 in the north. They own stock in railroads, and have one society that is capitalized at \$1,500,000. There are ten towns, north and south, that are owned and governed by negroes. They have \$10,000,000 worth of church and school property, are paying taxes on \$200,000,000 worth of property and are buying homes rapidly. They own 250 drug stores and about 1,800 grocery and other stores, and various other business, and there is a move on foot by a certain society to start a large mercantile business in St. Louis in the spring.

Hence it can be clearly seen from the statistics given that some of the negroes are keeping pace with the times, making men and women of themselves, the equal of any other race. Such as these only ask justice and fair play from the whites—they do not ask social equality, but social and political justice, which is guaranteed by the United States constitution. Now there is a worthless class of negroes (of course none the less than some of the whites) who live in the dives and slums of the cities, north and south, east and west, and are a menace to the negro race. They have learned to make their living by ystalling, robbing, gambling, etc. These things I am sure hurt the race. This class of negroes have not got anything. They had rather be in jail (some of them) than to be out. They care not a thrip for their race, nor for honesty or decency. In many instances the whites charge the good negro up for what the bad one does, and sometimes innocent blood is shed when mob law reigns.

There is another class of negroes that work hard day after day and year after year and are very honest, etc., but they don't seem to get along well. The fact is this, they spend their money just as fast as they get it for clothes, in theaters, wineroms and various other ways. They know not the value of a dollar. They live in rented houses and if they were to get sick they would not be able to pay a month's rent in advance. But taking this class as a whole they are far better than the last class I spoke of.

I have shown the negro or negroes just as they are and have painted them in their right color, leaving the public the privilege to judge for themselves whether I have made any misstatements or not—taking into consideration the fact the negroes are human and are subject to temptations, sin and degradation just the same as any other race, when he or

they violate the law give them a fair trial before a court of justice, and if they are found guilty punish them just the same as you would any other criminal. But whether they are criminal. But whenever they are taken up and lynched just because they are black it shows very clearly that those who take part have no regard for law, decency or anything else.

Now, I want to say a few things to my people all over this country, which, if followed daily, will serve to lessen our troubles, possibly, in the future. Obey the law, live upright, be honest, stand up for good character, let the white people and their affairs alone. If any of you have been in the habit of stealing, lying, gambling, robbing, murdering, or committing any crime, for God's sake, stop it, and live as honorable citizens, and go to work and make men and women of yourselves. Don't harbor criminals around you; be they relatives or anybody else. Always give a lending hand to the officers of the law in running down criminals and evildoers, and at any and all times show yourselves worthy of the confidence and respect of the white people. Always protect a lady, be she white or colored. Live on peaceable terms with everybody. Keep out of trouble. Don't go around with chips on your shoulders looking for someone to knock them off, so you can have a fight. Remember the saying, "Wise men for peace and fools for war." Get out of the dives and dens and go to work, because there is plenty of work for everybody. If there were more people at work there would be less criminals. I would advise the preachers to preach these things to their congregations from time to time; if so, the chances are that there would be less crime committed, and better feeling created among the races all over the country.

A. W. WASHINGTON.

## WARNING ORDER.

In the United States Court for the Western District of the Indian Territory, at Muskogee.

Equity No. 7294.

Mamie Downard, Plaintiff, vs. Frank Downard, Defendant.

The defendant, Frank Downard, is hereby warned to appear in this court within thirty days and answer the complaint of the plaintiff in the above entitled action, Mamie, Downard.

Witness, the Honorable William R. Lawrence, judge of said court, and the seal thereof, at Muskogee, Indian Territory, this 14th day of February, A. D. 1907.

R. P. HARRISON, Clerk.

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